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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO

SUBJ: ICAO - JAPAN USER CHARGES TO OFFSET NOISE

1. USREP HAS RECEIVED ON "CONFIDENTIAL" BASIS COPY OF IATA
LETTER TO PRES/COUNCIL WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY TO YOU ON A CONFIDENTIAL
BASIS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: I AM
MOST CONCERNED AT INTENTION BY JAPAN TO IMPOSE 'SPECIAL LANDING
CHARGE' TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR NOISE ALLEVIATION MEASURES. THE
CHARGING METHOD WILL BE BASED PARTLY ON AIRCRAFT WEIGHT AND PARTLY
ON THE EPNDB CREATED BY THE AIRCRAFT AND IN CALCULATING THIS
LATTER ELEMENT THEY ARE DEPARTING FROM ANNEX 16 MEASUREMENT
STANDARDS AND NOISE LEVELS. MOREOVER 76 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL
REVENUE WILL BE SPENT AT OSAKA ALTHOUGH MOST WILL BE RAISED
FROM AIRCRAFT LANDING TOKYO MANY OF WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED
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TO SERVE OSAKA. THIS AGAIN IS CONTRARY TO ICAO RECOMMENDATIONS

IN ICAO DOC 9082. EFFECT WILL BE INCREASE RANGING FROM 44
PERCENT IN LANDING CHARGE FOR B747 TO 100 PERCENT FOR B727-100.
INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSION OF UNILATERAL ACTION BY SUCH INFLU-
ENTIAL NATION AND ICAO COUNCIL MEMBER WILL CREATE VERY SERIOUS
PROBLEMS FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT AS MANY OTHER GOVERN-
MENTS IN FAR EAST KNOWN TO BE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN,
E.G. GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG VERY CONCERNED AS PRESSURE TO
IMPOSE SIMILAR SYSTEM WOULD BE HARD TO RESIST AND POTENTIALLY
DAMAGING TO ECONOMY OF HONG KONG. REGRET HAVING TO APPROACH
YOU IN THIS WAY BUT HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT JAPAN INTENDS TO
PUBLISH CHARGES 1 AUG AND SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORM ICAO. THEREFORE
BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE INFORMED EARLIEST MOMENT.
PERHAPS WE COULD DISCUSS FURTHER ON 21 JULY WHEN HOPEFULLY
WE MAY MEET." HOWSON JOHNSTON, INDUSTRY FINANCE DIRECTOR
UNQUOTE
HARPER UNQTE INGERSOLL

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